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## Classic talk



**Above:** Feeding Hills resident Wayne Francis, second from left, and his wife Debbie talk with Agawam resident Ed Gutowski about his blue 1971 Mercury Cougar while their nephew, Brandy Eddy, 10, looks over the car's engine at the Heritage Hot Rods Car Show held June 6 in Agawam. Story and more photos on pages 12-13. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



**At left,** Olivia Gagnon, 7, of West Springfield was drawn to this purple – also called Hawaiian Orchid – 1932 Ford five-window coupe owned by Feeding Hills resident Stephen Pacitti.

## JAZZ CONCERTS

# Fresh faces share passion for jazz

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Jay Messer hopes a youth movement will breathe some life into a local jazz scene in decline.

Last Thursday night, three members of the Agawam High School jazz band took part in a short concert held at EB's Restaurant, playing alongside the Huntington-based guitarist for an hour, giving patrons live, smooth music to go along with their chicken wings.

"I have been performing at EB's on Thursdays for a really long time doing solo work," said Messer. "I pitched the idea to the owner, Ed Borgatti. It took some work, but he agreed to let me try it."

Messer said he noticed recently the amount of education and involvement in jazz and jazz bands had started to decline. He also said the art of jazz was being lost in the larger school bands.

"With the larger bands, the kids have to follow along the music and stay uniform or the band does not sound very good," said Messer.

He said jazz is really meant

to be played with smaller groups where there is room for interpretation.

"A lot of jazz is about feeling and your own interpretation of the music," said Messer. "That's what I am trying to teach these students."

Messer reached out to more than 15 schools in the region, receiving responses from a handful of them. He contacted band directors, who would recommend a few students to come play with Messer at EB's, on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam.

"It was a situation where I simply volunteered my time and needed contact information for the students," said Messer. "I would send them the music they would be playing and an mp3 of the song to see how someone interpreted it."

The students would then come to EB's and play with Messer for a one-hour set.

Last week, Agawam students Garrett Diduk, Dan Lavoie, and Ethan Chan took part in the opportunity to perform for a "hometown crowd."

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## MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

# Mower cash has strings attached

*Council wants to make sure town is repaid for \$70K cutter, \$300K carts*

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For the second time, the Agawam City Council has passed an additional spending resolution for the Agawam Municipal Golf Course with the stipulation that the funds should eventually come back to the general fund.

Monday night, the Ad Hoc Golf Committee asked the full City Council to approve spending \$70,712 from free cash to purchase a seven-rack mower that is specially used for mowing the rough areas of the golf course.

The old mower is beyond repair and well past its life cycle, golf course officials had said. Council Vice President Dennis Perry, who chairs the Golf Committee, said after weighing the options, spending from free cash made sense to allow the town-owned course to continue becoming more profitable.

"We formed this committee for the long-term good of the golf

course," said Perry. "In order for the course to stay in good condition, they need this mower."

A few councilors warned against allowing the golf course to have an "open checkbook" with the town's general fund when it is supposed to be a self-sustaining enterprise.

"At some point this has to stop," said Councilor Gina Letellier. "I want to be clear that the golf course does not have an open checkbook."

Perry said the new equipment would save on labor costs totaling approximately \$13,000 per year, according to the course manager.

"We would get a return on that investment in about five years," said Perry. The mower would have a life span of at least 10 years.

Council President Christopher Johnson came forward with an amendment asking that the \$70,712 be returned to the general fund "when the course has surplus funds."

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE LEAGUE

# Clark's 'young scientists' lead nation

By Mike Lydick  
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Nine-year-old Leah LaPointe is so fascinated with science and engineering that she likes to look at things around her home to see how they are made and how she might improve them.

Her imagination and curiosity about science was sparked when she joined one of two teams at James Clark Elementary School that learned more about science while preparing to take a national science test. Not only was the experience enriching for the students, but the two teams scored first and second in the country.

Twelve fourth graders and 10 third graders from Clark took part

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**Tammy Rumpalik, a science teacher at Clark School, works with fourth-graders Lynn Jang, 10, Leah LaPointe, 9, and Alex Paris, 9, on a science project that turns pizza boxes into solar ovens.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## TOWN BUDGET

# Spending plan approved with few changes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam City Council has passed the budget for the next fiscal year with four amendments added to the fiscal 2016 spending package following a public hearing held on Monday night.

For the second straight year, the City Council will require all

"in-house" fund transfers to pass through the council. Two years ago, the town administration could allow line item fund transfers for items within a particular department.

Councilors put a stop to that last year, seeking for more transparency in town government and questioning some of the transfers that have been made.

This year, Councilor Robert Rossi proposed going with the same approach. It was opposed by a few councilors, who believed approvals like one last year for nine cents proved to be a waste of time.

Councilor Joseph Mineo, the chair of the Finance Subcommittee, said he was willing to support

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## Prescription drug abuse focus of June 24 film

The Wilkie Family and Shane's Foundation HOPE, in partnership with Behavioral Health Network, the Agawam Family & Community Program and the Agawam Congregational Church, will host "If Only," a short film produced by James Wahlberg that tells the story of two teenagers battling addiction to prescription opiates.

The free movie screening will take place Wednesday, June 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.

Tracey Wilkie, an Agawam mother whose son died at 22 as a result of opioid abuse, said the purpose of bringing the film to Agawam is "to educate the whole town" about youth prescription drug abuse.

Millennium Health and the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation have launched the Drop Them Off Campaign in collaboration with the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids' Medicine Abuse Project to educate parents and youth about prescription drug abuse.

The goal is to ensure that everyone knows how to safely use, store and dispose of prescription medications to prevent their misuse, and provide tools and information to discuss and prevent misuse and abuse, for parents, kids and concerned community members.

For more information, contact Tracey Wilkie at [tjsbwilk@gmail.com](mailto:tjsbwilk@gmail.com) or 413-467-7127.

## Food drive to benefit homeless cats Saturday

The Agawam Friends of Homeless Cats will host a pet food drive Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Geissler's Supermarket, 830 Suffield St., Agawam. Friends of Homeless Cats brings water and food to over 25 sites in the area for cats that have been abandoned, are lost or are afraid of people.

Volunteers also humanely trap cats when possible and make certain they are spayed or neutered and receive rabies vaccinations. Occasionally a gentle, adoptable cat can be placed in a home.

Bags of dry cat food are preferred, but all donations are welcome. For more information, call 413-786-3672.

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## Beware the bear

A reader sent in these photos, taken by Agawam resident Cindy Hanchett, of a bear wandering around Faymore Drive in Agawam about noon on Friday, June 12. The Advertiser News welcomes reader photos of nature scenes, community events and anything interesting around town. Send your photos to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Troop 77 to hold can, bottle drive next Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 77 will hold a can and bottle drive Sunday, June 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. Empties may be dropped off in the parking lot behind the church at 833 Main St., Agawam.

The scouts will use the money generated from the sale to help support their scouting activities. Troop 77 camps locally at Moses Scout Reservation in Russell. The scouts also plan other activities as needed to fulfill merit badge and advancement requirements.

Troop 77 is part of the Western Massachusetts Council, which serves over 6,600 young people and over 1,600 adult volunteers in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties. Representatives will be available during the fundraiser to talk to parents whose children are interested in joining, as the council has programs for boys and young men ages 5 to 20, and young ladies 13 to 20. For more information, call David or Sherry at 413-786-0234.

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While Letellier expressed concerns of about \$400,000 in free cash being used for the golf course, Councilors Paul Cavallo and Robert Rossi said the current conditions and the corresponding needs of the golf course are not the fault of the current General Manager Tony Roberto and grounds manager Daniel Shay.

"These conditions happened over a long period of time," said Rossi. "The manager inherited this situation. The administration is doing everything it can to get the golf course back in the black."

News has been good so far this year, with a record May and a projection that the June sales will keep the golf course making money. The administration and council has

not formally discussed what, if any, surpluses will be used for in the next fiscal year. In addition the to the \$370,000 between the golf carts and mowers, about \$22,000 was used to fund last year's course deficit.

The amendment was approved unanimously, including the three city councilors on the Ad Hoc Golf Committee who had previously recommended against including a payback requirement.

Under the terms of a previous vote, the golf course is also required to pay back \$300,000 spent on its behalf for golf carts last year. Thus far, no funds have been paid back to the town's general fund. Councilor James Cichetti said according to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, such payback requests are only enforceable for two years.

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# School lunch prices to increase by 45 cents over three years

By Mike Lydick  
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School lunch prices for Agawam students will increase by 10 cents on Sept. 1, but the meal price will still be lower than or equal to what several surrounding districts charge.

The increase was approved unanimously by the School Committee at its June 9 meeting. The price hike means that paid school lunches at all elementary schools and the middle school will rise to \$2.35 from the current \$2.25. Students at the junior high and high school will also face a 10-cent increase, to \$2.60 from the current \$2.50.

The increases this fall are the first of three raises, with additional Sept. 1 hikes in 2016 and 2017. Prices will go up by 15 cents and 20 cents, bringing the cost of school lunches for elementary and middle school students to \$2.70 in September 2017. Junior high and high school students will be charged \$2.95 as of September 2017.

## Reimbursement gap

Joel Illouz, director of food service for the district, told the committee that Agawam needs to raise its school lunch prices to close the gap between the current federal school lunch reimbursement price and the price of a “full” paid meal. Districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program are required to make these price changes.

“This provision requires that schools provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced lunches as they do for lunches served to students who are eligible for free lunches,” said Illouz.

Adding 10 cents to the lunch prices this fall will allow the district to meet the federal reimbursement rate and put the school lunch program in compliance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The goal is to bring the cost of a full-paid meal to \$2.70 — which is equal to the average cost of a free reimbursable meal.

Illouz said the staggered increases of 10 cents, 15 cents, and 20 cents during the next three years will allow the district to meet the paid lunch equity requirement without causing a hardship to families. It will also mean that Agawam can wait until 2020 before it again needs to raise its school lunch prices.



Joel Illouz, food service director for Agawam schools, wheels in a cart filled with some of the fresh produce and beverages students are served. He provided the samples to the School Committee before giving an update on the food service program. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## Agawam among the lowest

Agawam's school lunch prices — even with the increases — are lower than some other districts in the area, according to a comparison chart prepared by Illouz and shown to the committee. For example, Southwick and Palmer currently charge \$2.75 for elementary and middle school lunches. Monson currently charges its sixth through eighth grade students \$2.75. Longmeadow students in grades 6-8 currently pay \$2.75 while students at its high school are charged \$3.00.

The chart also shows that when Agawam's current

lunch prices are compared to nine other districts, eight charge higher prices than Agawam. West Springfield lunch prices are equal to Agawam's for elementary, middle and high school students.

West Springfield does not have a junior high school, so its seventh and eighth graders attend a middle school, which charges \$2.25 for lunch. Students at the Agawam Junior High School currently pay \$2.50 for lunch.

## Proactive approach

Illouz, who was hired one year ago as the district's food service director, also provided the committee with an update on some of the changes he has implemented in the past year as well as some of the proactive approaches he's taking for the food service's future.

Among the highlights he shared with the committee:

- Began serving breakfast this school year to elementary students at Granger and Clark schools
- Worked with Agawam's DPW for funding to reduce the food service's carbon footprint; some of those funds were used to purchase reusable trays to reduce waste, water usage, and money spent on chemicals
- Worked to create sustainable foods within the food department by building herb gardens and raised garden beds to grow foods that will be consumed by students in Agawam schools (raised beds were recently installed at AJHS)
- Switched to eco-friendly products for dishwashers at all schools
- Applied for and received a “pasta waiver” from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to increase the number of pasta meals served across all grade levels
- Diverted \$16,000 of the district's entitlement funds to purchase Department of Defense fresh produce distributed from Rhode Island — prices are competitive and will save on cash flow
- Trying to move all catering in-house to control costs and control risks
- Planning to contact three local restaurants to create an approved vendor list to improve sanitation and quality control as well as develop a competitive pricing structure
- Purchased stanchions for the high school cafeteria to eliminate “cutting” in lunch lines as well as to improve traffic flow and reduce inappropriate behaviors in line.

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the motion, but requested a minimum dollar amount be set for referral to the committee. An amount was not set, but the amendment was approved 6-5.

Councilor Cecelia Calabrese said she felt it worked out well during the past year.

“I think I look at it as having more eyes on our town's checkbook,” said Calabrese. “We have a budget that is approach \$100 million. That's a lot of money.”

Other amendments approved in the \$84 million budget included a reduction in the reserve fund. The reserve fund last year was set at \$250,000 and was increased in the proposed budget to \$400,000. Council President Christopher Johnson suggested lowering it to \$300,000, which was approved 6-5.

Johnson was also able to pass another amendment seeking a reduction in the Employee Benefit Buyback line item. \$200,000 was being budgeted for fiscal 2016. After 11 months in fiscal 2015, only \$75,000 has been used.

Johnson suggested setting the line item at \$150,000, which passed 7-4.

Finally, Rossi was successful with a second amendment as the council, 6-5, approved a spending limit of \$25,000 per request in the Environmental Projects revolving ac-

count. The account, which is managed by the recycling coordinator in town, has previously been the subject of controversy.

Some councilors had accused Mayor Richard Cohen of misusing the account for vehicle purchases.

However, the purchases were considered valid because the vehicles purchased were energy efficient and saved the town money in maintenance and fuel costs.

Rossi's amendments won't ban vehicle purchases, but with a \$25,000 cap, would require the purchases be approved by the City Council.

“This would allow for spending, but require council approve for larger purchases,” Letellier agreed.

Rossi had one amendment fail. He proposed reducing the five new police officers in the budget to two. Every other member of the council spoke out against that proposal.

Rossi's rationale that it was too soon to have five new officers hired in one year. He withdrew the amendment after his 10 colleagues spoke against it.

Another amendment proposed by Council Vice President Dennis Perry failed when he asked the Court Time line

item for the police department be reduced from \$105,000 to \$55,000.

Perry contended the line item was not being utilized enough with only \$26,000 spent to date in fiscal 2015. Chief Eric Gillis asked for the increase because he anticipates several big cases going to court in the next year. The amendment failed 8-3.

No one from the public spoke against the budget during the public hearing. There was no further discussion among the councilors following the amendment process and the overall budget passed unanimously.



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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Film, dropbox tools in fight against drugs

As with any war, fighting the War on Drugs requires a commitment to vigilance and a realistic assessment of the enemy.

In an ongoing battle where the ideal warriors are civilians — moms, dads and grandparents, as opposed to police, who are generally only called in once it's too late — the best weapon is education.

That's why Tracey Wilkie, an Agawam mother whose son died as a result of opiate abuse, is helping to bring "If Only," a short film on the opiate addiction crisis in Massachusetts, to Agawam. A free screening will take place next Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.

Filmed by James Wahlberg earlier this year in Tewksbury, Mass., the film follows the lives of two teenage addicts. According to the Lowell Sun, Wahlberg hopes it will be shown at schools and in communities to raise awareness of the problem.

The film is not just for parents who think their children are likely future addicts — assuming parents like this even exist. All parents and relatives of teenagers should familiarize themselves with the signs of drug abuse and how to prevent it.

The first step, to paraphrase another addiction recovery program, is to admit that you could have a problem. As parents and grandparents, we would like to think that our youngsters are too good to fall victim to addiction. We don't want to believe that our own flesh and blood, whom we raised and nurtured and taught, could choose a path of self-destruction. Certainly we don't want to treat them like criminals, watching and second-guessing their every move as if we're expecting them to fail.

But children — and, for that matter, adults — make bad decisions all the time. We see it every day. Most of the time, these bad decisions are relatively minor — forgetting to take out the trash, staying out late with friends instead of doing homework, breaking a younger sibling's toy in order to settle a score. Sometimes they're longer lasting but not insurmountable, such as a fender-bender or an ill-advised tattoo. But there are some teenage decisions that can ruin a life — or end it. Like abuse of hard drugs.

Preventing and recognizing addiction isn't about turning the house into a police state. It's about awareness and realizing that nobody's children, even yours, are perfect. Drug abuse is a problem for "bad kids" as well as "good kids." One of the worst things parents can do is hold on to an unrealistic image of their children for so long that they don't recognize a problem — until it's too late.

And if parents and other relatives of teens and young adults can take just one positive step, it's this: Keep an eye on your medicines, use them only as prescribed, and get them out of the house once they're no longer needed.

The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation — led by the Hollywood actor whose brother directed "If Only" — recently started the "#DropThemOff" campaign, urging prescription drug users to do just that. According to the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, one in six teens has abused someone else's prescription drug. Two-thirds of teens who abuse pain relievers say they get them from family members or friends. It's likely that even among those who buy their drugs on the street, many started out by experimenting with leftover prescription drugs in the home. Getting unneeded prescription drugs out of the house promptly would put a dent in these numbers.

It's easier than ever to do that in Agawam, now that the Police Department operates a Medical Disposal Box in town. The drop-off box has been in the lobby of police headquarters, 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, for several months. Most prescription drugs are accepted, though some paraphernalia — such as inhalers or needles — are not. The lobby is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Stigmatizing drug abuse won't end it. Being educated and realistic about how the problem affects families of all races and classes — and some simple prudence about keeping kids away from drugs in the home — will go much farther toward preventing future tragedies.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).

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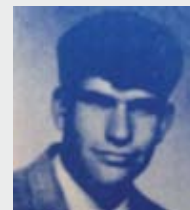


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Last week's photo: There were no correct answers identifying Brad Thorpe. The "Old News" photo in our June 4 edition was misidentified as last week. The correct answer is Dale Kunasek.



## JAY SPEAKS

### Perils of young people sports

In the small city that I grew up in, organized sports for children prior to high school were available primarily in church leagues, or through the YMCA. In addition, there was little sports activity for young girls in or out of leagues. I'm talking about baseball, softball, basketball, track and field, hockey or football.

There were girls involved in tennis, horseback riding, swimming and a few other sports. Right now I have to report on a couple visits that Kitty and I took to be with one of our families and their involvement in young girls softball and soccer.

Prior to getting on the plane, we found out that a couple of our little grandkids were going to be competing in team softball and team soccer while we visiting. It was a thrill for us, inasmuch as this competition did not exist while we were growing up.

A couple of days after our arrival, we went to the softball field with our son (who was part of the coaching staff), one of our granddaughters, some chairs and a bit of equipment. After unpacking, Joe was chewing on his fingernails wondering whether he would be able to field a complete team. He said that at a game or two, he had to borrow some team members from the opposing team to fill his roster.

At any rate, they were a ragtag bunch. Clothes of every description. Brand new gloves, and ancient gloves, classic sneakers and high end sneakers.

Joe tried to get them on the field and do some warming up. While this was going on, the other team arrived. They had a team van. They had complete uniforms, the equipment was first-class and they had a coaching staff.

The opposition lined up on the field while their exercise coach put them through calisthenics. Then they went on the field going through their hitting and fielding drill. I watched in awe, as I'm certain Joe and his lonely staff watched these probably second-grade girls.

At some point the game began ... and it

had its highs and lows. Just let me say that the opposition scored less than 15 runs and our team scored less than 5 runs. You can't win them all.

The following day we went on to a soccer venue where our Joe was on the coaching staff and one of our granddaughters was going to be the goalie that day. They switched positions so that they could become familiar with the total game. This day, our team had a full staff, some parents, and some chairs on the sidelines.

Our team sported identical T-shirts, announcing some parent's optical business. Everyone had soccer shoes. Joe drilled them some on passing and defense; and then the other team arrived. Their T-shirts spoke of some parent's dry cleaning establishment. One of the smart-mouthed soccer players pointed at her tee and said, "See, we're going to clean you up!" Ah! Youth.

Just as we were to take the field, one of our forwards announced that she had to pee. There was no facility on the field. A parent quickly volunteered to take her to a close-by McDonald's. The girl announced that she had no money to buy a drink. Fortunately, the mother knew how to handle it and a spare forward was selected to take her place. She returned before the first break, ready to play.

The game was tied with about a minute or so to go, the other team was charging down the field, passing back and forth, and our team did not appear to be able to stop them. Our granddaughter was in the goal, nonchalantly sucking on her thumb. Just short of the goal, an opponent kicked the ball toward the goal. Our goalie, without taking her thumb out of her mouth, kicked the ball away and saved the game. Her teammates, parents, coaches all were thrilled. We went on to the ice cream shop. The athletes did not have to pay.

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JAZZ ■ from page 1

Lavoie was on the trombone, Chan was on the saxophone, and Diduk played the trumpet. Diduk said he had a great experience and learned a lot about playing jazz.

“It was a chance to play a little music with some of my friends without the usual rules,” said Diduk. “No teacher telling us we were right or wrong. It was also really cool to play in a different environment. We really experimented with the music there.” Diduk said he also works at EB’s part-time and enjoyed performing in front of his co-workers.

Messer has worked with students from Ludlow, West Springfield and Westfield high schools, and Enrico Fermi High School of Enfield, Conn. This week, he will be featuring band members from the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts School.

Right: Garrett Diduk, Dan Lavoie and Ethan Chan perform with guitarist Jay Messer last Thursday night at EB’s Restaurant. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



SCIENCE ■ from page 1

Golden Agers off to the races

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, is hosting a trip to Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga, N.Y., on Thursday, Aug. 20. This trip is open to the public. The cost is \$88 per person and includes transportation, admission to the track, reserved grandstand seating, all gratuities and a dinner stop at Grandma’s Country Kitchen in Cortlandt, N.Y., en route home.

The champion Man O’ War lost his only race at this track. American Pharoah is expected to run at this track this year, although not on this date.

The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. A \$15 per person deposit is required to reserve seats. Early signup is encouraged as this trip is always a sellout.

For more information or reservations, contact Art Usher at 413-786-3567.

in the National Science League Contest. The test consists of 35 multiple-choice questions that are based on factual knowledge as well as students’ understanding of scientific processes.

Ten of the 12 fourth graders scored with distinction, and three — Gabrielle Zollo, Hana Ahmed and McKenna Wheeler — had perfect scores. They were among the top scoring students in the nation, according to Tammy Rumprik, the science teacher at the school who worked with the students to prepare them for the tests.

The fourth-grade team placed first nationally out of 68 schools that participated in the contest. The third-grade team scored second nationally among 46 teams. The top scoring third grader was McKenna Podworski.

All 22 students received a certificate, but the top scoring team members also received medals. Students received their certificates and medals during the May 26 School Committee meeting.

“I was so excited and proud of my students when I found out how well they had done,” said Rumprik. “I couldn’t wait to log in and check the results on the day they became available. Words are not enough to express how proud I am of my students. They’re awesome kids.”

Rumprik, who has worked with third and fourth graders at the school on the National Science League Contest for the past four years, said Clark students have done well in past years, but this year both of the school’s teams placed in the top three nationally.

“I had a great group of students who love learning and science. Their motivation for doing well helped them, too,” she said. Students worked with Rumprik for two weeks in April to prepare for the exam. All students in grades 3 and 4 were invited to participate, but because teams must have at least 10 members, Rumprik had to recruit some third graders for that team.

During those two weeks, students spent six hours after school to get ready for the national exam that is taken in late April. Students performed science experiments,

played science-related games devised by Rumprik, such as “Jeopardy!” along with some fun, hands-on activities.

While the exam does include a few difficult questions that require creative thought, most of the questions are suitable for the majority of students. Students work independently on the test questions. The school received its test results in mid-May.

‘Fun way’ to learn

Fourth grader Alex Paris, 7, said he joined the team because he likes science. But he said the recycling game he played also taught him about what can be recycled to reduce waste and polluting the Earth.

“I learned about how to protect the Earth better and about weather, heat, and evaporation,” he said. “I discovered that you can feel things that you can’t always see.”

Leah LaPointe said preparing for the test helped to better understand science: “What we did before the test was way more fun than I thought it would be. I thought it would be a really hard test, but it was easier because of all the fun science stuff we did before the test.”

Ten-year-old Lynn Jang also found the test helped her become more knowledgeable about science.

“I learned facts by playing Jeopardy!” she said. “It was a fun way to learn. I didn’t know a lot about science before – but now I want to learn more.”

Rumprik said she loves to hear feedback from students and parents. “Students have told me that they enjoy doing the contest each year and how they still love science in the middle school. Some past students have told me they want to be engineers and scientists because of what they’ve learned.”

Showing off skills

Clark School Principal Shelley Russell said the contest is a way for students to show others what they know in science while providing them with more time to learn science content instruction outside of the classroom.

“Tammy engages students in activities that are interesting, interactive, and collaborative,” she said. “Children not only learn content, but also how to work as a team, how to solve problems, and how hard work can pay dividends.”

Russell called Rumprik an “effective educator who has a passion for her subject and who treats her students like young scientists.” She added that Rumprik designs and prepares all the games, experiments, and PowerPoint presentations for students — and never asks for recognition or anything extra.

“Tammy makes studying fun and the children respond to her enthusiasm,” she said.

Rumprik said the National Science League Contest gives students an opportunity to practice taking a “high-stakes” science exam. Additionally, she said students get to learn some extra science content in a fun way after school to prepare for the exam.

MAJESTIC Children's THEATER

July 6, 27 at 10:00am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm  
July 7, 8, 28, 29 at 10:00am, 1:00pm • July 26 at 2:00pm, 6:30pm

AESOP'S (OH SO SLIGHTLY) UPDATED FABLES

By Kim Esop Wylie

Though he may have lived over 2,500 years ago, Aesop's beloved fables have endured into the 21st century, and continue to teach and entertain adults and children alike. After all, who hasn't heard of "The Tortoise and the Hare"? In this production, you'll see not only "The Tortoise and the Hare" but five other Aesop classics, updated...oh so slightly...for a modern family audience. Performed in a humorous, seemingly-improvised style, Kim Wylie's adaptations keep the laughs coming and the audience involved. But no matter how side-tracked or silly things get, the morals of the stories always remain intact. For a fun and light-hearted opening to the summer season, we'll see you at the Majestic for Aesop's (Oh So Slightly) Updated Fables.

July 13, August 3 at 10:00am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm  
July 14, 15, August 4, 5 at 10:00am, 1:00pm • August 2 at 2:00pm, 6:30pm

The Jungle Book

By Rudyard Kipling  
Adapted by Stephen Petit & Andrew Eaton

Many strange and wild tales are told of the jungles of India. But none more famous, or more intriguing, than those of Mowgli, the "man-cub" the lost little boy raised by wolves. Knowing no other home, the brash and fearless Mowgli runs away when his "big brothers" Bagheera, the wise panther, and Baloo, the lovable brown bear, attempt to take him back to a "people home." Now, Mowgli will learn the hard way that the jungle is no place for a kid. Inhabited by troublesome monkeys, Kaa the sneaky, slithering snake, and Shere Khan, the tiger, Mowgli will need all the courage he can muster, and the help of his friends, to conquer these obstacles and find his true home. A classic story about friendship, bravery, and belonging, come join in the adventures of Mowgli in Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book.

July 20, August 10 at 10:00am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm  
July 21, 22, August 11, 12 at 10:00am, 1:00pm • August 9 at 2:00pm, 6:30pm

The Story of the Velveteen Rabbit

By Margery Williams  
Adapted by Anita Larsen, Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Long before Andy's room in "Toy Story", there was Andrew's nursery in The Velveteen Rabbit, for when the lights go out at night, the toys magically come to life! One Christmas, Andrew's beloved Model Boat, Train Engine, Wood Lion, and the rocking horse "Skin Horse" are joined by the plush, saw-dust-stuffed newcomer, "Rabbit." Rabbit loves his new home, but it isn't long until an unfortunate series of events sends her out into the harsh, real world outside the comforts of the nursery. Longing to find her way home, the Velveteen Rabbit meets a score of friendly real-live rabbit friends, and the mysterious Fairy of Nursey Magic, who teaches the toy Rabbit how love and friendship might one day make her real. A beloved children's classic since 1922, come join in the fun and magic in this touching and heartfelt musical adventure.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

*The Agawam Police Department responded to 323 calls for service from June 9 to June 15. The department made 10 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.*

### Tuesday, June 9

Kristiina M. Smith, 26, of 30 Myron St., Apt. 8, West Springfield, was arrested on a warrant for shoplifting.  
Luis Galarza, 27, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 4, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

### Wednesday, June 10

Kimberly Ann Barchus, 45, of 65 Braddock St., Springfield, was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear and shoplifting by asportation, third offense.

### Thursday, June 11

Christopher Brunelle, 43, of Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

### Friday, June 12

A juvenile from Agawam was arrested on charges of vandalizing property by defacement of real or personal property and trespassing with a motor vehicle.  
Robbie J. Bancroft, 45, of 24 Sylvan Lane, West Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

### Saturday, June 13

A juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

### Sunday, June 14

Margareta Czyzewski, 41, of 333 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence of liquor.  
Dominic Kenneth Veighey, 20, of 94 Norris St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.  
Rebecca Louise Dunlap, 21, of 42 Norris St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

## FIRE LOG

*The Agawam Fire Department responded to 84 EMS calls for June 9 to June 15, and the following emergency response calls.*

On June 9 at 10:35 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On June 9 at 12:42 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On June 10 at 2:23 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for vehicle accident, general cleanup.  
On June 10 at 7:16 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 West for motor vehicle accident with injuries.  
On June 10 at 11:51 p.m., the department responded to High Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.  
On June 11 at 2:34 a.m., the department responded to Stillbrook Lane to assist police or other governmental agency.  
On June 11 at 4:00 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.  
On June 12 at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.  
On June 12 at 2:22 p.m., the department responded to Federal Avenue for service call, other.  
On June 12 at 10:00 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for fire, other.  
On June 12 at 10:28 p.m., the department responded to Clover Hill Drive for false alarm or false call, other.  
On June 13 at 1:54 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On June 13 at 6:12 p.m., the department responded to River Road for public service.

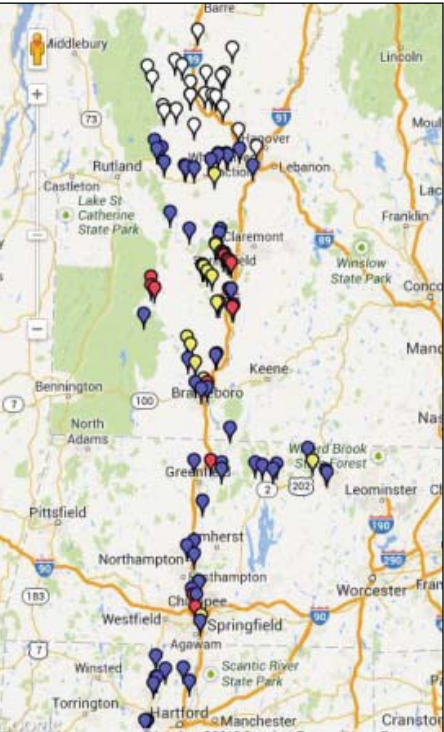
On June 13 at 7:30 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On June 13 at 11:20 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 West for extrication of victim(s) from vehicle.  
On June 14 at 8:23 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street to assist police or other governmental agency.  
On June 14 at 1:31 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service assistance, other.  
On June 14 at 11:23 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.  
On June 14 at 1:15 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.  
On June 14 at 2:21 p.m., the department responded to Marlene Drive for public service.  
On June 14 at 10:06 p.m., the department responded to Fairview Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On June 15 at 8:48 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.  
On June 15 at 12:38 p.m., the department responded to Roosevelt Avenue for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.  
On June 15 at 12:45 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.  
On June 15 at 2:47 p.m., the department responded to Bowles Road for lockout.  
On June 15 at 5:41 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

## Cars, bikes, tools, collectibles to be auctioned June 27

Agawam Police will sell hundreds of seized and abandoned items, from jewelry and baseball cards to eight cars and 200 bicycles, during a public auction Saturday, June 27.  
The auction will take place at 10 a.m. at the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Prospective bidders will have a chance to preview the items an hour earlier, starting at 9 a.m. All sales will be on a cash-only basis.  
Other items to be auctioned, according to police, include a minibike; power tools, hand tools and toolboxes; office equipment; floor jacks and jack stands; vehicle seats; and a guitar.  
Proceeds from some auction items will go to the town's general fund. Proceeds from the sale of items that were seized during narcotics investigations will be turned over to the Hampden County district attorney's office, to be used for drug enforcement in Agawam.

## Website monitoring river quality

In time for the summer recreation season, the Connecticut River Watershed Council and 15 partners have launched the 2015 Connecticut River water sampling program. Results from weekly and biweekly will be published online, including tests at Pynchon Point in Agawam.  
“Cities and towns along the river are making significant investments in their sewers to reduce pollution and this has made a tremendous difference in our enjoyment of our rivers. However, there are still times when your rivers might make you sick,” said CRWC Executive Director Andrew Fisk. “Our rivers are certainly much cleaner than they used to be, but it makes sense for river users to pay attention to this information to help them manage risk.”  
Water samples are tested for E. coli bacteria as an indicator for all types of other pathogens that could lead to illness in boaters and swimmers. River users can visit the “Is It Clean” web page at [www.ConnecticutRiver.us](http://www.ConnecticutRiver.us) to find bacteria test results at more than 130 river access and recreation sites in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and northern Connecticut. Test results are posted online 24 hours later, through early October.  
“When weather gets warm, people head to our rivers to cool off and have fun, and they want to know if our rivers are clean,” said CRWC River Steward Andrea Donlon, who coordinates the water sampling program. “The data tells us that it is a good idea to stay out of the water for 24-48 hours after a heavy rain because bacteria levels could be high. Heavy rain is often the cause of high bacteria levels. Bacteria can spike after a storm due to combined sewer overflows and polluted stormwater runoff from urban, suburban, and agricultural areas.”  
Water sample results are color-coded and shown on a map to offer guidance about whether the water is clean enough for swimming and boating. Results are a snapshot of river conditions at the moment the sample was taken, but give river users information they can use to make informed decisions and prevent potential illness. The website provides bacteria data for the Connecticut River and more than 20 tributaries, including the Chicopee River, Mill River (Northampton) and Millers River in Massachusetts, Farmington River in Connecticut, and many more. Some sites are still show-



Results of river E. coli tests will be plotted on a map of the Connecticut River watershed, with different colored dots noting bacteria levels unsafe for boating or swimming. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ing results from 2014, but all sample partners will begin collecting samples within a few weeks and results will be updated soon.  
The water sampling project is now in its eighth year. Partner organizations include Connecticut River Watershed Council, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance, Putney Rowing Club, Black River Action Team, White River Partnership, Ottauquechee River Group, Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee, Greater Northfield Watershed Association, Greenfield Health Department, Millers River Watershed Council, Farmington River Watershed Association, Connecticut River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Scantic River Watershed Association/University of Saint Joseph, Goodwin College and the Connecticut River Academy.  
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# In the Classroom

## SCHOOL AGENDA Regular School Committee Meeting

**Roberta G. Doering School**  
**68 Main St.**  
**Tuesday, June 23 – 7 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education:
  - a. Veteran's Commission poster contest winner –AJHS student Kyle Reed
  - b. Arson Watch poster contest winner –AJHS student Mariel Izoita
7. Superintendent's notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
9. Unfinished business:
  - a. Superintendent's evaluation
10. Business meeting:
  - a. Routine matters
  - 1) Approval of minutes
  - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
  - 1). Scheduled Reports:
    - Personnel Update (paper report)
    - Financial update – R. Clickstein
  - 2). Subcommittee updates
11. New business: None
12. Policy review
  - a. Policy EBC, Emergency Plans, second and third readings
  - b. Policy GCRD, Tutoring for Pay, second and third readings
13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
14. Adjournment



## Play it safe

**Mayor Richard Cohen and Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli visited Tricia Bushey's second grade class at Benjamin Phelps Elementary School on School Street, Thursday, June 4, to discuss playground safety and watch a video the students produced. Pictured with the students are, back row from left, Noelle Colbert, principal; Beverly Walsh, paraprofessional; Sapelli, Cohen and Bushey.**  
SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Democratic scholar



**The Agawam Democratic Committee awarded a \$500 grant to Agawam High School senior Patrick White at its June 3 meeting. White will be attending Westfield State University in the fall. The grant committee included, from left, Teresa Kozloski, Rosemary Sandlin and Kathy Arnold. Not pictured are grant committee members Shelby Hall-Gibbons and Corinne Wingard.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

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## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

**Summer Legal Institute:** This is a free five-day legal immersion program located at Western New England University School of Law from July 6-10. Students who participate will study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers, analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument, learn what it takes to become a lawyer and observe the action at law firms and courthouses, develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations and gain insight into the college admissions process. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. Students must apply online at [http://jtb.org/index.php?submenu=SpringfieldMA&src=gendocs&ref=MassachusettsMassMutualSLI&category=Summer\\_Legal\\_Institute](http://jtb.org/index.php?submenu=SpringfieldMA&src=gendocs&ref=MassachusettsMassMutualSLI&category=Summer_Legal_Institute).

**College Fair:** Western New England University is hosting the New England Association for College Admission Counseling College Fair on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. This event will be held in the Alumni Healthful Living Center. It will be preceded by an Admissions and

Financial Aid Information Session from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

**SAT Summer Institute at Westfield State University:** WSU is running this SAT preparatory program from Monday to Thursday, Aug. 3-6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students will also have access to online review sessions and open office hours throughout September, preparing them for the fall SAT exams. The SAT Summer Institute covers all math and verbal skills needed for success on the SAT exam. Class sessions use real test questions to show just how these skills are tested on the SAT exam. The course will cover quantitative topics and verbal topics, as well as general test-taking matters. The cost is \$499 and includes all required books and materials. An early registration discounted price of \$449 is also available to those registering before June 17. Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.westfield.ma.edu/academics/exam-prep/sat-test-prep-course>.

**Scholarships:** See your counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, June 22: All-beef hot dog on whole-wheat bun, low-fat potato chips, vegetarian beans, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, June 23: Manager's choice.  
Wednesday, June 24: Stuffed-crust pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cooke.  
Thursday, June 25: Half day. No lunch service.

### ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, June 22: All-beef hot dog on whole-wheat bun, low-fat potato chips, vegetarian beans, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, June 23: Manager's choice.  
Wednesday, June 24: Stuffed-crust pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cooke.  
Thursday, June 25: Half day. No lunch service.  
Friday, June 19: Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, June 22: Manager's choice.  
Tuesday, June 23: Manager's choice.  
Wednesday, June 24: Stuffed-crust pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cooke.  
Thursday, June 25: Half day. No lunch service.

### ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, June 22: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Tuesday, June 23: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Wednesday, June 24: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Thursday, June 25: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

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## Residents among Expo Area scholarship winners

**WEST SPRINGFIELD** —The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund will award \$13,000 in scholarships to high school and college students with ties to the Exposition area. This is the fund's 50th year in operation, and it has given more than \$500,000 in scholarships during its half-century of operations. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, community service and financial need.

Local college students to receive scholarships include Gregory Frasco of Agawam, the Tommy Frasco Memorial Scholarship; Paul Frasco of Agawam, the Connie Frasco Memorial Scholarship; and Madeline Heelon of Feeding Hills, the Cheryl Sulborski-Frasco Memorial Scholarship.

The fund will hold its annual golf tournament and dinner Sunday, July 26, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course with a scramble format and tee times beginning at 10 a.m. The fee is \$80 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, contests, refreshments, lunch and dinner and an assortment of prizes.

For more information, call Dave Tuohey at 413-746-1239 or Mark Navone at 413-433-2777.

## Women's Club gives scholarships

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. All high school seniors who reside in Agawam are eligible for the scholarship. Recipients are selected based on, but not limited to, scholarship, activities, and especially community service.

This year, the AJWC is celebrating 58 years of volunteer service in the communi-

ty. The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world. Anyone interested in learning more about the AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to the monthly meetings. Guests and potential new members are welcome.

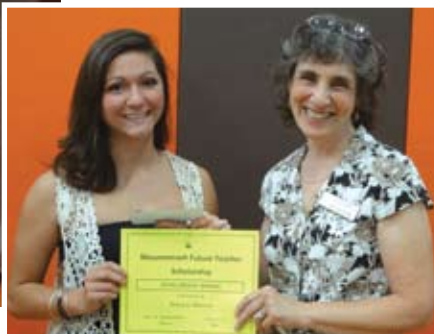
For more information, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 413-427-8784.



Above: Agawam Junior Women's Club members Theresa Conklin, left, and Ginny Stempel, right, are pictured with scholarships recipients, left to right, Kayla Moquin, Heather Howe, William Conklin and Marysa Massoia. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Right: Veronica Rubeck, left, receives an AJWC scholarship from club member Ginny Stempel.

Receiving the Mouneimneh Scholarship for Education from AJWC member Kathy Mouneimneh, right, is Marysa Massoia.



Contest winners, from left, Benjamin Grimaldi, Summer O'Neill and Sofia Giordano stand with their DARE essays and graduation certificates on June 12. Behind them, from left, are School Committee member Roberta Doering, Principal Susan Federico, Police Chief Eric Gillis and DARE Officer John Field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## DARE holds graduation at Doering School

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Doering School held its second DARE graduation of the year last Friday, as about 150 fifth-graders completed the course that teaches them how to avoid drugs, violence and peer pressure. Agawam Police Officer John Field, who teaches the DARE course, hosted the event. Students received a certificate and a black DARE T-shirt.

Although the graduation usually includes readings by two winners of an essay contest, Field surprised the students by announcing three winners this semester. The winners were Sofia Giordano, Benjamin Grimaldi and Summer O'Neill.

Field himself passed a milestone last

week — his 30th DARE graduation ceremony, marking 15 years as an instructor. He said he's seen the program change over the years from a "just say no" philosophy, focused on illegal drugs (the program's name stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to a more wide-ranging curriculum based on proven techniques for avoiding destructive behaviors.

Agawam is one of the few police departments in Massachusetts to run a DARE program, which requires a full-time school resource officer during the school year. Field was joined at the DARE graduation by Officer Karen Langevin, who serves as a school resource officer in the elementary schools.

The other half of the fifth grade class graduated from DARE on Jan. 30.



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# Vintage cars, classic music ‘t

By Mike Lydick  
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More than 30 vintage vehicles, some customized and others looking much like they did when they drove off the assembly line, rolled into the Heritage Hall North healthcare facility in Agawam on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Cars and trucks from the 1920s through the 1970s — parked door handle to door handle with hoods raised — along with popular music popular from the 1950s and 1960s and burgers and hot dogs sizzling on the grill made it a pleasurable time for spectators and owners alike.

The second annual Heritage Hot Rods Car Show was organized by Melinda Bolduc, program director for Heritage Hall North’s Alzheimer’s unit. She organized the June 6 show to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association, a national nonprofit group that enhances care and support for people affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

The show raised several hundred dollars from raffle tickets and food sales. Residents at the facility also benefited by getting an up-close look at vehicles they may have driven when they were younger.

Bolduc called the cars and music a “perfect therapeutic tool” for residents with dementia. She added that residents will reminisce about their earlier experiences with the older cars and the feelings associated with that era will spark fond memories.

Residents also picked one of show’s trophy winners. They selected a 1955 green and white Buick Special owned by Donald Cook of Agawam as their favorite car.

Other winners included Ludlow resident Dan Cohara, who won best of show for his customized red and white 1953 Buick Roadmaster. Feeding Hills resident Joe Davidson took home the trophy for best paint with his customized cobalt blue 1946 Dodge pickup truck. The staff’s choice was a blue-and-white 1969 Camaro coupe owned by Edwin Cardenales of Westfield.

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There’s nothing exotic about this faded green 1961 Ford Falcon sedan. It is, however, a rare unrestored example of this inexpensive and popular compact car.



This beautifully restored ivory 1953 Ford Crestline Sunliner convertible looks like it just rolled out of the showroom.



Paul Bailey of Westfield — who has owned several vintage Corvettes over the years — checks out this black 1967 Corvette convertible.



Ludlow resident Dan Cohara won best of show with his customized red and white 1953 Buick Roadmaster.



Chris Andre and his daughter Sophia, 16, of West Springfield admire the souped-up and gleaming engine in a custom 1923 Model T Ford.



Feeding Hills resident Joe Davidson took home the trophy for best paint with his customized cobalt blue 1946 Dodge pickup truck that looked more like a street rod than a post-World War II truck with its ice blue flames on the fenders.



Agawam resident Max Kozynski attaches a winged radiator cap to the black 1934 Chevrolet coupe he’s owned for 50 years.



This exotic looking hot rod began life as a 1934 Chevrolet coupe in the 1930s.

# 'Therapeutic' at Heritage Hall



The second annual Heritage Hot Rods Car Show drew more than 30 vintage vehicles and raised funds to help enhance care and support for people affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.



Donald Cook of Agawam — owner of this 1955 green-and-white Buick Special with its signature fender "portholes" — picked up a trophy when his car was selected by Heritage Hall residents as their favorite.



A row of vintage vehicles on display at the Heritage Hot Rods Show are parked side-by-side with their hoods raised and ready for inspection.



The head of a stuffed version of the Road Runner cartoon character sticks out of the hood of Southwick resident Ken Graze-bien's orange and black 1970 Plymouth Road Runner.



A blown transmission cooler line forced the owner of this 1957 Chevy Bel Air to have it hauled away from the show on a flatbed.



Dallas Mock, 3, gets a good view of a customized 1946 Dodge pickup truck while perched on the shoulders of his father, Timothy. The truck is owned by Feeding Hills resident Joe Davidson.



Heritage Hall resident Rene Proulx looks through a notebook filled with information about a red 1970 VW Beetle on display. Looking on is Heritage Hall recreational assistant Theresa Clifford.

# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL

# Brownies are champions again

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AMHERST – The Agawam High School softball team got another great pitching performance in the tournament and won the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament last Saturday afternoon with a 2-1 victory at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

The Brownies scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fourth inning, and junior pitcher Allison Wheeler remained in control for the final three innings of the game.

No. 3 Agawam got the homefield advantage after No. 5 Pittsfield ousted No. 1 Longmeadow in the semifinals.

After Wheeler got a 1-2-3 first inning, the Brownies' offense responded with a quick run.

Katie Grasso led off with a hard single to center field. The ball was bobbled in center field and Grasso moved on to second base to get in scoring position with no outs.

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Pitcher Allison Wheeler fires away in the third inning.



Maria Moccio makes her lead off second base.



Becca Uschmann catches the ball at first base.

## BOYS TENNIS

# Agawam loses to Longmeadow in semifinals

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys tennis team wrapped up a successful season last week, losing in the semifinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament against Longmeadow 5-0.

Will Conklin, Alex Sours, and Ryan Feyre were all defeated in

singles action, with Feyre the only one to score points in his match, which he lost 6-2, 6-0.

The doubles teams of Meesha Ohradka and Matteo Godek and Alec Ardolino and Steve Ludtke were also defeated in straight sets. Ardolino and Ludtke stayed tough, and lost 6-2 and 7-5.

Agawam was able to score one tournament win, beating Westfield High School 4-1 on June 6.

Conklin scored a win over Tristin Viale 6-3 and 6-4. Sours victory was quick with a 6-0, 6-2 win.

Both doubles teams also scored victories in the win over Westfield.

Agawam's season ended with a 12-5 record. They had a perfect 8-0 Valley Wheel record, scoring two wins each over Belchertown,

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## SOFTBALL

# Brownies oust Falcons from tournament 8-0

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AMHERST – The Agawam High School softball team punched their ticket to another Western Massachusetts Division I Championship game with a shutout victory over Minnechaug last Monday afternoon in the semifinals 8-0.

Playing on the campus of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the Falcons had difficulty from the start of the game, with Agawam getting two hits off starting pitcher Olivia Guyer.

Guyer would escape the inning, but Agawam would get right back to work in the top of the second inning.

After two hits by Maria Moccio and Ellen Vyce, an error at shortstop would allow the first run to come across the plate for

the Brownies.

In the third inning, Moccio would sock a hard double off the glove of the centerfielder, scoring Becca Uschmann to make it 2-0.

In the fifth inning, Agawam poured more runs on the scoreboard. The inning started when Rachel Laponese reached on an error and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Taylor Marcotte would single on a ball that hit the third base bag and went into the outfield to make it 3-0.

One out later, Moccio sent a hard single to center to score Marcotte and make it 4-0. She was followed by Jess Lingenberg, who sent a long double off the left field wall to make it 5-0.

The double chased Guyer from the game and she was replaced by Nina Langone, who got

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## BASEBALL

# Legion summer baseball season kicks off

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – With a delay to start the spring baseball season, so has the Agawam American Legion season with the playoffs running into the summer months.

But the season finally kicked off last weekend, with the senior legion team, American Legion

Post 185, splitting the first two games of the regular season.

Last Saturday, Agawam was defeated in a day game against East Springfield Post 420. Agawam defeated Belchertown Post 239 16-6 last Friday evening with a huge offensive output.

Agawam's legion team consists of several varsity and former varsity players from last season.

For the second straight year, Brian Regnier is coaching the team, and is looking for more wins out of Agawam and a trip to the tournament after missing out on it last year.

The senior legion team competes in a division with 16 other teams in the region. The top eight qualify for playoffs later in July

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Number two hitter Rachel Laponese would lay down a perfect sacrifice bunt to move Grasso on to third base with one out. Wheeler would come to the plate and send a single to center field to give the Brownies a 1-0 lead.

Pittsfield pitcher Julia Murphy would retire the next two hitters to get out of the inning without any further damage.

Wheeler continued her strong pitching, allowing one baserunner in the first three innings.

In the top of the fourth inning, however, Pittsfield's offense managed to get to Wheeler, though briefly.

Alie Hunt sent a triple to deep right field. Haley Tobin would pop the ball over a drawn in Agawam infield to score Hunt and tie the score 1-1.

Agawam did not stay down.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Maria Moccio singled to left-center with one out. She was moved over to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Jess Lingenberg. Ellen Vyce would single and move Moccio to third base.

That left it up to Sabrinna Dubiel at the bottom of the Agawam order. Dubiel delivered, as she has many times this season, sending a hard single to center to score Moccio.

Coach Kathy Georgina acknowledged Dubiel is a big weapon for Agawam at the bottom of the order.

"I put her there because she is the catcher and I want to rest her," said Georgina. "But she has worked really hard this year and she is a great hitter."

With the Brownies up 2-1, Wheeler stepped up her game even more, and scattered just three baserunners over the final three innings. She was helped out in the fifth on a huge catch by Jenna Beach in left field on a ball that nearly hit the wall and would have given Pittsfield a 3-2 lead.

Wheeler finished allowing a run on five hits. She walked one and struck out six. It was Wheeler's second sectional title in three years.

"This win was so huge for us," said Wheeler. "The defense did a great job helping me out."

Agawam won its third title in four years. Last year, the Brownies were ousted in the first round against Chicopee in a tough extra-inning game.

"We came back hungry this season," said Georgina.

Agawam faced St. Peter-Marian yesterday in the state semi-finals. If successful, Agawam would compete in the state finals on Saturday. Go to [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net) for time and field location.

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and play in three-game playoff series.

Ludlow has jumped out to a 3-1 record to start the season, and Aldenville, South Hadley, and Westfield have perfect 2-0 records early.

Agawam moved a few games to later dates. A match-up on Monday scheduled against Springfield Post 21 was rained out.

Agawam played against Westfield yesterday, and a game against Ludlow was rained out on Tuesday. It has not been rescheduled yet.

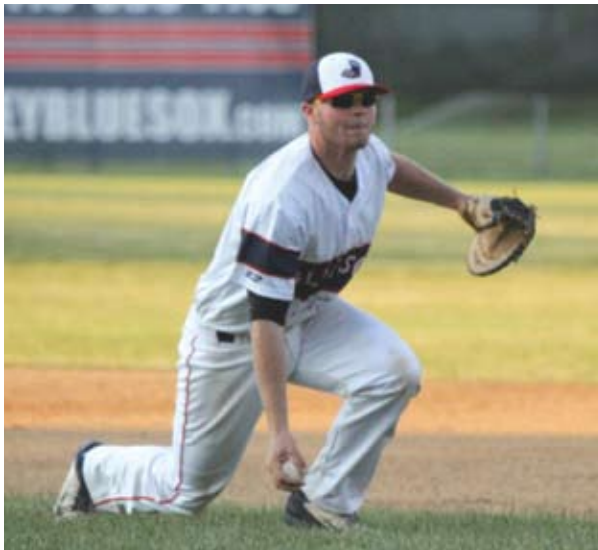
The Brownies will be playing home games at Shea Field this year with the Agawam High School's varsity field under construction.

Post 185 has also continued to develop its junior legion program, and it has become a feeder program much like a junior varsity team.

Steven Grasso is running this year's junior legion team. So far, Agawam has gone 1-2 in its season. A couple more legion posts have entered teams in the junior league. Agawam has a full slate of games this year, though they face different teams than their senior counterparts. There are six teams total in the junior legion league.

Agawam junior legion won its first game on June 10, beating East Longmeadow. Agawam then lost on June 12 against Greenfield and on June 14 against Wilbraham 14-6.

Agawam will next face Chicopee Post 452 under the lights at Szot Park at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Agawam is also in action on Sunday afternoon, hosting Greenfield Post 81 at the new School Street Park field at 1 p.m. School Street Park is Agawam junior legion's home field for the summer.



Christopher Starcun tries to get the ball to the pitcher after making a diving stop on a grounder.



Mason Ward pitches in the third inning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

# Blue Sox jump out to 4-1 record

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox have started the regular season with a few big wins and are out to the best start of any team in the New England Collegiate Baseball League.

To start the season, Valley has wins over Keene, Vermont, North Adams, and New Bedford.

North Adams owns the only defeat of the Blue Sox.

Last Saturday night, the Blue Sox had their second home game of the regular season and needed 10 innings to pick up the win over the SteepleCats.

The Blue Sox would trail 4-0 before coming from behind to win 5-4.

North Adams would put up three runs in the top of the fourth inning off starting pitcher Mason Ward, a junior from Kennesaw State University.

Ward would be finished after the fourth inning and gave way to Adam Rutz, who pitched two scoreless innings, and Ross Achter, who went 2 1-3 scoreless innings. Meanwhile, Valley would put up single runs in the fourth and fifth before staging a ninth inning rally to tie the game.

The Blue Sox got a hit batter and two walks to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth inning. Rob Pescitelli would pinch-hit and grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed the tying run to score.

Two more walks, including one to Cornell Nixon would tie the score 4-4.

Ben Nolan, who finished the top of the ninth by retiring two straight hitters. Nolan would then pitch a scoreless top of the 10th inning.

In the bottom of the inning, Johnathan Ducoff hit a walk-off single.

Valley would struggle on offense throughout the game, stranding 17 baserunners throughout the night.

The other Blue Sox games were wins of 4-0 over Keene last Thursday night, 6-4 against the Vermont Mountaineers last Friday night, and 4-1 over New Bedford on Wednesday.

On the road, North Adams defeated Valley 2-0.

The Blue Sox have a one-game lead in the North Division over the Sanford Mainers, who are 2-1. Vermont and North Adams are now 2-2. In the South Division, New Bedford and Mystic are 3-1 so far this year.

The Blue Sox organization would be very proud earlier this week as nine former Blue Sox players were selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Among them, Frank Crinella, a third baseman for last year's Blue Sox, was drafted in the 39th round by the Baltimore Orioles. Crinella hit .338 with 23 RBI this year for Merrimack College. Also from last year's team, Angelo LaBruna, an outfielder, was drafted in the 33rd round by Washington Nationals.

"We're just really proud of our players and the folks that help this thing go," said Blue Sox General Manager Hunter Golden. "It's a great day for us and we feel reflects the strength and quality of our program and product."

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South Hadley, Chicopee, and Ludlow.

The Brownies started out the regular season with a 3-2 record, then went on a five-game winning streak until losing two of three near the end of the season. The Brownies closed out the regular season with a win over Belcher-town.

Conklin had a great year in his final season for the Brownies. As the top singles player, Conklin competed to an 8-6 record this season. He was 8-3 last year and finished his singles career going 16-9. Conklin spent time doing doubles matches early in his high school career, and went

10-17.

Sours competed in the No. 2 singles position for most of the season. He had an impressive year, going 9-4. Sours was also 8-3 last year and finished 23-7 for his career.

Agawam won the league title for the second straight year, but will graduate Conklin and Sours out of the top two positions.

The doubles teams, however, will return next year, with some of the competitors being possible contenders for singles competition.

Longmeadow, which beat Agawam in the semifinals, went on to win the Western Mass. championship.



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Tickets are still \$10 and can be purchased at the Post or at area bait shops.

T-shirts are also \$10.

Weigh-in times around the clock at Post #351 starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 17 and concluding at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 19.

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vision will have three trophies and a fishing pole.

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For more information, go to [www.post-351catfishderby.com](http://www.post-351catfishderby.com).

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out of the fifth inning.

But Langone had some trouble in the sixth inning. Katie Grasso started by hitting a trouble to deep right field. She scored when Allison Wheeler single to center. After a walk to Marcotte, Uschmann singled to load the bases.

Moccio would then come to the plate for her fourth at-bat. A passed ball scored the seventh run of the game, and Moccio sent her fourth hit of the game down the left field line to make it 8-0.

Wheeler, meanwhile, was in complete cruise control throughout the entire game for Agawam.

She finished with a complete game, one-hitter. She walked two and struck out seven, a much different display than Agawam's previous matchups with the Falcons. One of those was a loss and the other was an 8-5 win with lots of offense on both sides.

Guyer was tagged with the loss, allowing five runs on nine hits in 4 2-3 innings. She walked one.

Rachel Breton had the only Minnechaug hit.

Agawam pounded out 13 hits. Moccio was 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Vyce and Wheeler each had two hits.

Agawam moved on to the tournament finals while Minnechaug's season ended at 19-3.

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3. Play on words jokes

4. Finger click

5. Repeating

6. Toddler

7. Article

8. Women's \_\_\_ movement

9. Promises to pay

10. A ball of yarn or thread

12. Towards the mouth or oral region

13. Fatuous

16. Old Irish alphabets

17. Slang for trucks with trailers

20. Defy

22. Dear husband (abbr.)

25. A blood group

26. Make lacework

28. Golf ball support

30. Having a particular scientific skill

31. Chit

34. Head louse egg

36. Pomace

37. West Indian sorcery cult

38. A. Hutton drew this Br. comic

40. Popular 1950's hairstyle

43. A unit of girl or boy scouts

45. 3.6% of the earth's crust

48. Drug agent (slang)

50. Supplemented with difficulty

51. Self-immolation by fire ritual

53. Br. slang for donkey

54. Supervisor

56. Of she

57. Research doctorate in law

58. Took possession between NE and E

59. Point midway

61. Care giver degree

Answers on page 6

# Legals

**LEGAL NOTICE AUCTION SALE**

Unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous items – the Agawam Police Department being the holder of unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous items of every description and nature will sell at public auction, **Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m.** at 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts to the highest bidder, single units. Terms cash in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter No. 135, Sections 7 & 8.

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**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Agawam City Council Administrative Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, **July 13, 2015, at 6:30pm.**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the petition of Eversource for permission to install new 40 foot Class 2 Pole & Anchor (pre-marked) across from Pole #105/25 to be labeled 105/255, at 257 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, MA., as well as permission to relocate a line of poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the area on Cooper Street, Agawam.

**Robert E. Rossi**, Chairman Administrative Subcommittee 6/18,6/25/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD15C0082CA In the matter of: Sarah Ann Bailey Of: Agawam, MA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Sarah A Bailey** requesting that: **Sarah Ann Bailey** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

**Sarah Ann Johnson**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 07/10/2015

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 12, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin** Register of Probate 6/18/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P1068GD In the matter of: Charles E Ryans, otherwise Charles E Ryan Of: Feeding Hills, MA, formerly of Springfield, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respond-

ent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Dept of Developmental Services** of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Charles E Ryans, otherwise Charles E Ryan** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Catherine Gallagher** of Worcester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 07/07/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 09, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin** Register of Probate 6/18/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD15P0797 Estate of: Ernest R Silkey Also Known As: Ernest R. Silkey Date of Death: 3/20/15 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE**

**GL. c. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on April 13, 2015 that the Petitioner **Abbie W McLane** of Feeding Hills MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative to serve without surety on the bond

**Abbie W McLane** of Feeding Hills MA

The estate is being administered under informal

procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

6/18/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD12P1165EA Estate of: June M LeVan Date of Death: 01/20/2015 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **James W Gelin**as of Belchertown, MA requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 07/07/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 08, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin** Register of Probate 6/18/15

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

# Obituaries & Church News

## Jean B. Safford, 85

Jean Barbara (Hanifin) Safford, 85, passed away on Thursday, June 11, at Heritage Hall East. Born in Springfield on Aug. 21, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Irene (Tetreault) Hanifin.

She grew up in Springfield and was a graduate and cheerleader of Cathedral High School. She married and moved to Agawam, where she raised her family.

Jean retired as a secretary in the Engineering Records Department of Hamilton Standard and was previously employed at Buxton, Agawam. She was a member of Sacred Heart



Church, Feeding Hills, and former member of St. John's, Agawam. Jean was a member of the Agawam Senior Center and Golden Agers, Chapters 1 and 2. She was a classy lady (she wouldn't be seen without her lipstick) who enjoyed people, shopping with her sister, reading, music and dancing, and loved watching figure skating, tennis and golf. Sweets would definitely put a smile on her face.

She is survived by her loving children, Donna Safford Fleury of Agawam, Gary Safford of Charlotte, N.C., and Cindi Safford of Cape Coral, Fla.; five grandchildren, Dawn and David Fleury, Jeffrey, Dennis and Michael Safford;

eight great-grandchildren; and niece Lynne Mirabella. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister and best friend Rita Morin.

The family sincerely thanks the staff at Heritage Hall East, A-Wing, and Baystate VNA & Hospice for their compassionate care. Her funeral was held at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam, on June 15, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church. Rites of Committal concluded at St. Aloysius Cemetery in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield. Donations in Jean's memory may be directed to Baystate VNA & Hospice, 280 Chestnut St., 6th Floor, Springfield, MA 01199. For more information, visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Marceno, Mary Jane**  
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Funeral June 16, 2015  
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West Springfield

**Safford, Jean B. (Hanifin)**  
Died June 11, 2015  
Funeral June 15, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
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**Solon, Aglaia**  
Died June 7, 2015  
Private services  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
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## Labyrinth at St. David's Church rededicated

The labyrinth at St. David's Episcopal Church is open for business. Originally built as Brayden Berry's Eagle Scout project, the labyrinth had become so overgrown as to be virtually un-walkable. Last fall, parishioners and scouts from Boy Scout Troop 77 did a massive cleanup that included relaying the bricks, making new pathways, and expanding the garden. On Sunday, June 7, the church rededicated the labyrinth.

At the dedication, Barbara Mickna thanked all those who worked so hard to get the labyrinth ready. Kathy Glista explained that a labyrinth is a single path that curves around and leads to the center, then out again. Walkers follow the path into the center and then back out, generally praying as they walk. Glista encouraged people to give it a try. They might be surprised how meaningful a meditative walk can be. The Rev. Harvey Hill then

led the congregation in prayers. The short service ended with Mary Dutton guiding children as they planted flowers around the edge of the labyrinth.

Afterwards, Hill said anyone from the community is invited anytime to walk the labyrinth at St. David's, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Brief instructions are posted at the entrance to the labyrinth to help people get started, but there is no single right way to do it.

## Business

## Drumm named Valley Realtor of the Year

Sue Drumm, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Longmeadow, has been named the 2015 Realtor of the Year by the Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley. The announcement was made during the association's annual Awards Banquet held June 11 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke.

A Realtor since 2009, Drumm serves on the association's Board of Directors, Grievance Committee, Community Service Committee and the Centennial President's Advisory Group. She is a co-presenter at the bi-monthly new member orientation, promoting involvement and explaining the benefits of membership. In 2014 she was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and Affiliate of the Year Committee.

She is a longtime member of the association's Community Service Committee and an active participant in numerous projects, including a book and blanket drive for the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children,

and shopping, wrapping and delivering gifts to area homeless shelters during the holidays. She is involved in the association's charitable fundraising efforts as a member of the Benefit Golf Tournament Subcommittee, Comedy Night Subcommittee and Fantasy Auction Subcommittee.

Drumm has been a Girl Scout troop leader in Agawam for six years and assists with their annual food drives. In November 2014 they held a "Fill the Truck" event to benefit the Open Pantry and collected over 1,700 pounds of food and \$1,000 in cash donations. She helps the troop with Stockings for Soldiers and with their various other charitable activities throughout the area.

Sue was a driving force behind securing a \$2,100 Placemaking Grant from the National Association of Realtors to help fund the Agawam Dog Owners Group's new dog park currently under construction.

In recognition for her many community service efforts, Drumm was a nominee for

the 2014 Massachusetts Association of Realtors Good Neighbor Award, and a nominee for the Volunteering Works Award Program sponsored by the National Association of Realtors.

At the state level Sue participated along with 400 Massachusetts Realtors in the 2014 and 2015 Realtors Day on Beacon Hill to lobby on behalf of homeownership and private property rights. She attended the 2014 Massachusetts Association of Realtors Convention and Trade Show. She is an annual contributor to the Realtors Political Action Committee.

For achievements in business, Drumm received the Sterling Society Award from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. She is the recipient of a RAPV Silver President's Award in 2014 in recognition of outstanding real estate sales and service.

She now competes for the coveted Massachusetts Realtor of the Year honor, which will be announced later this year.

Drumm and her husband John have two daughters, Alyssa and Abigail. They reside in Agawam.



Sue Drumm

## Bank names deVillier AVP

Matthew S. Sosik, president and CEO of Easthampton Savings Bank, recently announced that Susanne deVillier was promoted to assistant vice president branch officer.

She joined Easthampton Savings Bank as a branch officer in Agawam in 2010. DeVillier was promoted to senior branch officer in 2014. She had 15 years prior banking experience with TD Bank, as retail banking officer, Hampden Bank as a branch manager, and SIS Bank as a retail banking officer.

DeVillier has a bachelor of business administration degree from American International College. She is treasurer of Agawam Rotary, board member of the Agawam Small Business Association, West of the River Chamber member, board member of Captain Charles Leonard House. DeVillier is also involved in fundraising for various school programs.

She resides in Feeding Hills with her husband and children.



Susanne deVillier

## 3 from Agawam among leadership program graduates

SOUTH HADLEY — Nathan Bazinet of Agawam, and Terry Maxey and Lori Murphy of Feeding Hills, were among the 31 graduates of Leadership Pioneer Valley, a 10-month program that concluded Thursday, June 4, at Mount Holyoke College's Wilts-Hallowell Conference Center.

Bazinet works with the Sisters of Providence Health Systems; Maxey, with Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services; and Murphy, with the Partners for a Healthier Community.

Five participant-planned team projects served as the capstone experience for graduates, providing hands-on learning while benefiting communities within the Pioneer Valley. This year's projects entailed

collaborations with Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, the Springfield Technical Community College's Gateway to College program, Westover Job Corps, Human Resources Unlimited and Chicopee High School Band Boosters.

Teams collaborated with their nonprofit partners to reach self-produced goals and meet partner expectations. Results included a survey and marketing plan for Junior Achievement to help them recruit more millennial volunteers and creation of a supplemental program to promote degree completion for Westover Job Corps vocational-tech students.

Each participant also attended day-long monthly sessions from October to

May, featuring seminar-style leadership development sessions and hands-on field experiences in local communities. Monthly sessions were designed to put the LPV curriculum into action. Throughout the program, participants refined leadership skills, networked and made meaningful connections, and developed a greater capacity for both community trusteeship and cultural competency.

Class of 2015 graduates are a culturally diverse group of 31 men and women representing non-profit, private, educational and public organizations throughout Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties of Massachusetts. This year's was LPV's fourth graduating class.

## Feeding Hills residents honored for tenure at Noble Hospital

WESTFIELD — Noble Hospital honored three Feeding Hills residents during its annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon last month.

Susan St. Jean (registered nurse, 35 years), Jillian Warner (ultrasound technician, 10 years), and Angela Smith (secretary and monitor technician, five years) were among the 56 employees, with a combined total of 755 years of service, to be honored at the May 12 event.

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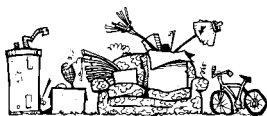
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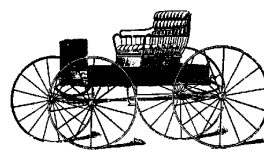
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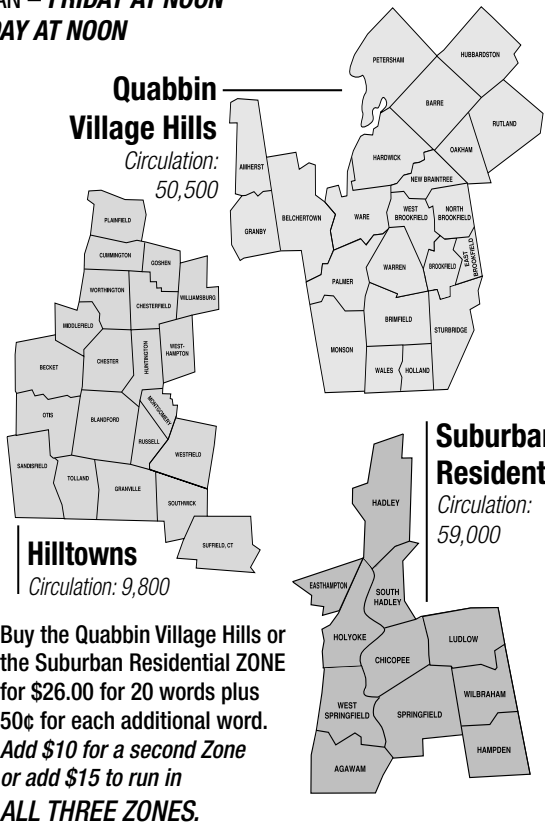
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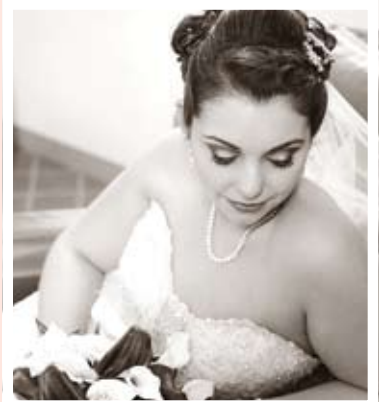
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